

# Suggested Reading for Kids

## Entering 3rd Grade



### Easy Juvenile Fiction

DiCamillo, Kate. **Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken.** A not-so-chicken chicken sets off to see the world.

Duffey, Betsy.\* **How to be Cool in the Third Grade.** Robbie tries to be “cool” after a bully targets him.

Farjeon, Eleanor. **Elsie Piddock Skips in Her Sleep.** Everyone knows about Elsie and her rope skipping—even the fairies.

Howe, James.\* **Houndsley and Catina.** Sometimes being a best friend is your best talent.

Kerrin, Jessica.\* **Martin Bridge, Blazing Ahead!** Martin’s camping trip is a weekend with the works.

Look, Lenore.\* **Ruby Lu, Brave and True.** “Almost 8-years-old” Ruby Lu has adventures galore.

Pattison, Darcy. **The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman.** Oliver writes home about his travels.

Pennypacker, Sara.\* **Clementine.** She tries hard, but oh, what a bad week she has.

Speck, Katie.\* **Maybelle in the Soup.** A dainty cockroach falls into the soup — and trouble!

Woodson, Jacqueline. **The Other Side.** A fence divides land but not friendship between two girls, one white, one African-American.

### Fiction

Harper, Charise Mericle.\* **Just Grace.** Why is Grace’s neighbor getting mail from her cat?

Krosoczka, Jarrett J.\* **Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute.** (Graphic Novel) What does Lunch Lady do when she’s not serving up lunch? She serves up justice!

Lindgren, Astrid.\* **Pippi Longstocking.** Meet Pippi, an unusual girl who leads anything but a usual life.

McAllister, Angela. **Digory the Dragon Slayer.** Digory is mistaken for a fierce dragon hunter.

McCall Smith, Alexander.\* **Akimbo and the Elephants.** Akimbo helps his father set a trap for a hungry lion.

Osborne, Mary Pope.\* **The One-Eyed Giant.** Adventures with Greek gods and monsters.

Robinson, Barbara K.\* **The Best School Year Ever.** How can you give compliments to classmates when one is a Herdman?

Stanley, George E.\* **The Cobweb Confession.** (Third-Grade Detectives) Can Todd overcome his fear of spiders to catch a thief?

Walter, Mildred Pitts. **Suitcase.** Xander may be tall, but he’s terrible at basketball.

Whybrow, Ian.\* **Little Wolf’s Book of Badness.** Laugh-out-loud moments fill Little Wolf’s letters home from a school for “proper” wolves.

### Non Fiction

J325.73 Maestro. **Coming to America: The Story of Immigration.** How did the U.S. become such a diverse nation?

J591.41 Jenkins. **Actual Size.** Imagine—an eyeball bigger than your head!

J591.75 Bishop. **Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close.** What lives in your yard or in the park?

J639.2 Kurlansky. **The Cod’s Tale.** How one fish changed the world.

J641 Solheim. **It’s Disgusting — And We Ate It!** Fun facts about food. Don’t read this while eating!

J793.7 Hall. **Simms Taback’s Great Big Book of Spacey, Snakey, Buggy Riddles.** Riddles about all your favorite things.

J811 Sidman. **Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors.** Poetry about the colors of the seasons.

J951 Cole. **Ms. Frizzle Adventures: Imperial China.** The Frizz takes her students to Ancient China.

JB Coleman. **Talkin’ About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman.** Learn about the first African American woman to earn a pilot’s license.

JB Roosevelt. **What to Do About Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World** President Teddy Roosevelt’s daughter was wild!



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